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SUBJ: OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS IN FREETOWN

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1. THOUGH OAU'S MEDIATION EFFORTS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN ACHIEVED A DEGREE OF SUCCESS AS COMMUNIQUE TRANSMITTED REFTTEL INDICATES, EVEN LIMITED ACHIEVEMENT TOOK CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WE UNDERSTAND. WE HAVE LEARNED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE COMMITTEE'S MEDIATION EFFORTS ALMOST BROKE DOWN AT ONE POINT. THIS STEMMED FROM ETHIOPIAN REFUSAL TO DISCUSS ERITREA ON GROUNDS IT IS INTERNAL MATTER OF ETHIOPIAN GOVERN- .3,5. THE POTENTIAL DEADLOCK WAS ONLY AVERTED BY PRESIDENT STEVEN'S INTERVENTION. HE REPORTEDLY TOLD THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN
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MINISTER THAT ETHIOPIA SHOULD COMPROMISE BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT HAVE IT ALL THEIR OWN WAY. ONCE THE ETHIOPIANS AGREED TO DISCUSS ERITREA, BOTH ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN SHOWED A WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE.

2. ONE POINT WHICH APPEARED VERY CLEAR AT THE SIERRA LEONE FOREIGN MINISTER'S DINNER ENDING THE MEETING WAS THE DESIRE

OF ALL PARTICIPANTS TO SHOW THAT THE OAU COULD BE EFFECTIVE
IN SETTLING DISPUTES. THIS WAS TOUCHED ON SEVERAL TIMES BY
DELEGATES AND SECRETARIAT MEMBERS. THE SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT
WAS QUITE SATISFIED WITH RESULT THOUGH IT WOULD HAVE PREFERRED
TO HAVE ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES RESOLVED, OBVIOUSLY AN IM-
POSSIBLE TASK.
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